	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	10/754,613	KATO ET AL.
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The MAILING DATE of this communication appear All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGOT (See 37 CFR 1.313). This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on Allowance (PTOL-85). The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority undallowance (PTOL-85). Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority undallowance (PTOL-85). Certified copies of the priority documents have 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have	OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this or other appropriate communic GHTS. This application is subjusted and MPEP 1308. Spril 14, 2006. der 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (fine the content of the conte	the correspondence address is application. If not included ration will be mailed in due course. THIS ect to withdrawal from issue at the initiative
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE. 		
 4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. 5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d). 6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. 		
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on April 14, 2006. These drawings are accepted by the examiner.

Specification

2. The substituted specification filed on April 14, 2006 is acknowledged. The substituted specification has been entered in the record of the filed.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 3. Claims 1-16 are allowed.
- 4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 1, the prior art either alone or in combination fails to disclose, teach or suggest a gas generator comprising a tubular crimp case having an upper end and lower end, the tubular crimp case connecting and fastening the cup body to the igniter collar by bending the upper end of the tubular crimp case towards the igniter collars such that a first bent portion formed at the upper end presses a part of the cup body against a part of an exterior surface of the igniter collar. These structures in combination with other structures as recited in claim 1 define over prior art of record.

With respect to claim 9, the prior art either alone or in combination fails to disclose, teach or suggest a method of manufacturing a gas generator comprising: crimping an upper end of a tubular crimp case inwardly and pressing the flange portion of the cup body against the igniter collar, and crimping an lower end of the tubular crimp case inwardly and pressing the lower end against the igniter collar. These steps in

combination with other steps and structures as recited in claim 9 define over prior art of record.

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With respect to claim 12, the prior art either alone or in combination fails to disclose, teach or suggest a method of manufacturing a gas generator comprising: crimping an upper end of a tubular crimp case inwardly and pressing the flange portion of the cup body against the igniter collar, and pressing the igniter collar against the bent portion of the tubular crimp case by pressing the flange portion against the igniter collar. These steps in combination with other steps and structures as recited in claim 12 define over prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan C. To whose telephone number is (571) 272-6677. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Dickson can be reached on (571) 272-6669. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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